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Europe Waits: In tattered clothing and with quiet desperation, this family awaits its turn for food at a UNRRA distribution center in Kalamata, Greece. The baby held by the mother bears visible evidence of a serious infection caused by malnutrition.

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Byrnes, Vandenberg Are Building A New Anti-Comintern Axis

By Joseph Starobin

Secretary Byrnes and Sen. Arthur Vandenberg have opened an offensive—but whether it's an offensive for peace is another matter.

It looks more like an offensive to buffalo the skeptical Americans into unthinking support for the next phase of the Administration's foreign policy. That's the phase, looming up this summer, of jamming the wrong kind of peace treaties down the throats of the peoples of Europe, and Soviet Russia, too.

Mr. Byrnes made a clever speech Monday night. His advisers are able public relations men, and they worked up the speech just the way the advertising men go about selling bubble gum for the radio commercials.

The idea was to make us Americans believe Mr. Byrnes had tried hard, and defended the Ten Commandments, but Russia stood in the way.

To make things more convincing, Byrnes did not fulminate too raucously against the Soviet Union. That job is left to the glamorous new partner of the Administration's policy, Sen. Vandenberg.

"EAST" AND "WEST"

This upholstered friend of fascism came out in the Senate yesterday with the idea that "eastern communism and western democracy were unable, for the time being," to agree at Paris.

Vandenberg has the typical arrogance of an American imperialist who thinks the whole world revolves around him. As a matter of fact, Russia lies to the west of the United States, if you're looking westward, and from the viewpoint of China, the Soviet Union represents "western communism."

As for "democracy," Vandenberg talks as though he had some kind of patent on it. But the peoples of Europe and Asia, particularly the Soviet peoples, are reaching a more genuine and effective democracy, while it's the Vandenbergers who are hard at work undermining what's left of our kind of democracy.

The two speeches were advance salesmanship for another "anti-Comintern Axis."

THE NEXT STEP

But to get back to Byrnes. The whole pretense of how he labored patiently in the vineyard of France (with side-trips to the races), and how he wants to be patient and understanding of the Soviet Union, is simply a build-up for the next big idea of American policy-makers. And that is to hold a peace conference in mid-summer or early fall, with all the United Nations taking part, whether the Big Four agree or not.

It sounds good, this idea of letting all the smaller na-



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tions sit around the table and vote on the peace treaties, but no good can come of it at all.

For it scuttles the basic idea of Big Four Unity.

Byrnes wants to get up a conference where all his stooges in Latin America, and all of Britain's new "independent" allies, like the Emir of Transjordan, out-vote the Soviet Union and the other democratic nations of Europe.

FAMILIAR PATTERN

It would be a repetition of the San Francisco conference a year ago, when a steam-rollered majority of supposedly independent nations voted down the Soviet stand against fascist Argentina. Would the war have been won if all the satellites of Britain and American imperialism voted on where Eisenhower should move next, or how Zhukov should plan his next campaign? Then why believe that any real peace can come of the stunt which Byrnes now proposes?

But the situation is even nastier when you get to the heart of it. Here was the Paris conference, a good opportunity to cement Big Four relations, to get some problems out of the way.

The Soviets did offer many compromises—on the Italian colonies, on the cession of the Dodecanese Islands to Greece, on the removal of troops from Bulgaria.

But the State Department refused to budge on basic matters, and insisted on creating a deadlock; indeed, the British and the French offered more obstacles than the Russians, a fact which Byrnes passes over lightly.

And, after doing his best to fail, Byrnes returns, tells

only one side of the story, and now lays down an ultimatum.

Either the other great powers knuckle under to the United States—or else. We are supposed to be the custodians, not only of morality and justice, but the frontiers, resources and economic relations of all other nations. We are the givers: everybody else is painted as the "takers"—which is a perfectly ridiculous approach in dealing with independent, great powers, and can only wreck the unity of the big powers.

Let nobody think a genuine peace can be written in a ballroom of American and British satellites—in the absence of a fundamental big-power understanding. That would not be a peace treaty. It would be a mobilization of a world-wide axis against the Soviet Union.

THE BASIC ISSUE

Fundamentally, the problem boils down to the refusal of the United States to fulfill the basic premise of a real peace—the eradication of fascism in central and western Europe.

That's where the whole trouble began.

Yugoslavia, a new democracy where fascism gets short shrift, is treated worse than Italy, a land where the Allied occupation itself is helping to restore the whole caboodle of war criminals who led the Italian people into Hitler's arms.

Bulgaria and Romania and Poland are treated as enemies; but Austria, "safe and sound" in the hands of her most reactionary elements as a result of a premature election, is treated as though she must have a peace treaty first.

What Byrnes really wants is to put all eastern Europe under the thinly-veiled iron dictatorship of the Right which Austria now "enjoys."

REICH ISSUE

At the bottom lies the conflict in Germany, which Byrnes wants so hard to get going again as a "safe and sane" reactionary state. Instead of letting the most progressive German elements rebuild their country on a unified basis, namely, the German workingclass, Byrnes wants to make sure that Germany also is turned into another Austria under the spread of the American Eagle's wings.

That's the road all Europe traveled after the last war. It brought tragedy to Europe, to Russia, to us.

This time the democratic forces, led by the Soviet Union, want a peace based on the eradication of fascism, a peace which does not mean communism, but does mean a democracy in which men like Vandenberg cannot have their way.

ENOUGH PROMISES

There's no use making new promises of disarming Germany and preventing aggression from Germany when the actual policies of the United States operate to revive German reaction and cripple the beginnings of German democracy.

That's why the Russians are so cool to another Byrnes' four-power alliance. There are plenty of disarmament promises in the Potsdam agreement. The United Nations Security Council will have military forces at hand to check new aggression.

The real question of the peace is to cease bolstering reactionary regimes, cease undermining previous solemn agreements, and let a new Europe stabilize itself. Only such a Europe can live in peace and contribute to keeping America out of war.

The course which Vandenberg and Byrnes propose is to unsettle the new democracies of Europe and revive the forces which made for fascism.

He's finding it hard to do that, because the Soviet Union has his number. It's time Americans got just as wise to the game.

What Byrnes Did Not Tell

Here are some simple answers to factual points which Secretary Byrnes made in his Monday night report on the Paris peace conference:

1. He claims the U.S. has advanced almost a billion dollars to Italy, and opposes the Soviet request for \$100,000,000 in reparations. What he does not tell Americans is that our armies and the British have been LIVING off Italy since September, 1943, draining millions in raw materials. The capitalist powers have taken out of Italy many times more than what the USSR, Yugoslavia and Greece ask. After all, they had to fight the Italian fascist armies on their own soil.

2. Byrnes insists Trieste must go to Italy along with several hundred thousand Slovenes and Croats. He conceals the basic fact that Yugoslavia was an ally, that the Croats and Slovenes were oppressed for a generation or more by Italian imperialism, that Trieste is economically linked with Yugoslavia and central Europe.

If Trieste should go to Italy just because an Italian majority now lives there, then the Sudeten regions of Czechoslovakia should have remained German. But the new Czechoslovakia wanted to start with a clean slate and so do the Yugoslavs.

3. Byrnes insists on writing a treaty for Austria, but why should come first, when the Italian, Romanian, Bulgarian and Finnish treaties have precedence, is never explained. Or is it because American imperialism has the Austrian clerical government in its pocket?

4. Mr. Byrnes spoke bravely about opening eastern Europe to the commerce of all nations—but the State Department okayed the TWA contract monopolizing Italian aviation and the State Department squawks when the Russians as much as propose to trade with Latin America. "Free trade" is the iron wedge of U.S. imperialism to break into any European nation and dominate its economic life.

Iran Announces Red Army Left on Schedule

The Iranian Government announced last night that the Red Army evacuation of Azerbaijan was completed May 6.

"Government inspectors who went to Azerbaijan for a full investigation, after covering Azerbaijan for one week, report complete evacuation of Azerbaijan by May 6 and that no units and no equipment of the Red Army are left in Azerbaijan," the Government's statement said, as reported by United Press.

This knocks Ambassador Hussein Ala's anti-Soviet "case" into the proverbial cocked hat. Ala has been instructed, according to BBC, to inform the UN Security Council that the Soviet evacuation had been completed on schedule.

Ala—acting on his own hook as he has before—told the Council Monday night, in time for this morning's meeting on Iran, that Iran was unable to check on Soviet troop removals, or on reports that

the Red Army had contributed to the Azerbaijani and had left Soviet soldiers behind in civilian clothes.

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Ala issued his statement to the Security Council after visiting Edward Stettinius, Jr., and Sir Alexander Cadogan, the American and British delegates.

He charged "Soviet interference" in Iran's internal affairs, implied that Soviet forces had encouraged

clashes between Azerbaijani and Iranian troops and called the situation a "serious and imminent" danger to international peace and security.

Azerbaijan Premier Jaafar Pishevari denounced Ala as "a traitor and a criminal who should be dismissed immediately from his post."

At a Tabriz press conference reported by UP, the Democrat leader

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Vandenberg Opens 'Soft Peace' Drive

Senator Vandenberg, spokesman for the Herbert Hoover forces in the GOP, jubilantly set his seal of approval on Secretary Byrnes' warning that he intends to make peace treaties without agreement with the Soviet Union.

In a speech which went even further than Byrnes in pressing the new "offensive for peace," Vandenberg pretended that the breakdown of the Paris conference of ministers was caused by differences between "eastern communism and western democracy."

Yet the substance of his speech outlined a new policy for the United States, completely revising the Potsdam and Yalta agreements made by the Big Three during the war. Vandenberg demanded peace treaties based on "justice, not vengeance." This was seen as an outright demand for a "soft peace" for the defeated Axis states. Vandenberg has been a persistent advocate of a "soft peace" for Germany and her satellites, especially those where reaction is advancing as in Austria.

Calling in effect for an end to the denazification program of Potsdam and Yalta, Vandenberg urged "a policy which demands action in arriving at decisions for a unified Germany, where the real core of Europe's recuperation resides and where the problem must be considered as a whole, rather than in four air-tight compartments in four zones of military occupation."

Truman Seizes Soft Coal Mines

Seamen Delegates In Washington Today

Three bus-loads of merchant seamen from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore will descend on Washington today (Wednesday) National Maritime Day, to urge Congress

to enact legislation long sought by the men of the American merchant marine.

Passage of a seamen's bill of rights, a Federal unemployment insurance bill for merchant seamen and legislation to enable alien seamen who served on American merchant ships to become citizens will be urged by 150 members of the National Maritime Union on Capitol Hill.

One bus will leave NMU headquarters at 5:30 a. m. today, and pick up a second bus at the NMU Philadelphia Hall at 8:30 a. m. A third bus will join the cavalcade at 12:30 in front of the NMU headquarters in Baltimore. The bus will proceed to Washington to the headquarters of the CIO Maritime Committee.

Another delegation of seamen and members of the NMU Women's Auxiliary will place a wreath on Roosevelt's grave at Hyde Park.

Mrs. Mildred Mayhe, assistant national director of the NMU Women's Auxiliary, will participate in a broadcast tomorrow at 11:45 a. m. over WMCA.

Maritime unions are now taking a poll, to be completed June 3, on the proposal to strike June 15 for wage demands and other working conditions.

General executive board, also traced the union's steady growth.

A committee on the officers' report reached similar conclusions. A "correct progressive program . . . the loyalty and discipline of the membership . . . the skill, experience and devotion of the leadership" all helped to make the gains possible, this report asserted. Tribute was paid to the leadership of Ben Gold, international president.

SPEAKERS LAUD UNITY

Most speakers gave first place among factors responsible for the union's economic gains to "unity"—the rejection of hedging and uncompromising insistence on democratic procedures.

A contrast in methods was presented by John Wesciowski of Chicago, business agent of a luggage local of 1,000, which swung over to the AFL last year after seven years in the AFL.

Wesciowski described how AFL officials "used red baiting to cover their own misdeeds." Since the local switched its affiliation, many economic gains long sought have been won, he said, and a job classification, "formerly just a dream," has been realized.

Sam Burt, manager of New York's Joint Board of Fur Dressers and Dyers, reporting that many contracts covering his membership had been renewed, bringing impressive wage increases, including one group that gained \$52.50 more a week, explained it this way:

"We made such gains because we are united, because we are free of cliquism and not afraid to take issue with the labor baiters, the Negro baiters and the other tools of reaction."

George Grigsby, president of Local 214 in Cincinnati and one of two Negro members of the union's general over the world."

SAN FRANCISCO BAY TUGS GO ON STRIKE JUNE 20

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (FP). The Inland Local of the Masters, Mates and Pilots, AFL, has called a strike for June 20 on seagoing tugs in San Francisco harbor. A strike would tie up the entire harbor.

The tugboats which tow ships coming into the bay are all owned by the Crowley Tugboat Co. The men have been trying vainly for four years to have their 60-hour

week reduced to 48, with overtime pay after eight hours a day. The employers refuse even to discuss the demand.

Discussing the probable June 15 strike of CIO maritime unions, Capt. C. F. May, MMP president, said: "Most of our unions have contracts which would prevent their striking at the same time as the CIO. But we cannot tell our men to go through picket lines."

Hint Truce Will Go On; Army on Tap

WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP).—Federal seizure of the nation's 3,000 soft coal mines was ordered by President Truman today and first indications were that John L. Lewis would order the miners to continue working pending a retroactive settlement of their dispute with the mine owners.

The President ordered Secretary of the Interior J. A. Krug to take over the mines at 12:01 a. m. EST tomorrow, just three days before the scheduled expiration of a two-week truce in the coal strike.

Krug immediately appointed Vice Adm. Ben Morell to take charge of the mines, and it was announced that U. S. Army troops would be at his disposal to preserve order, if necessary.

He also requested Lewis and the mine operators' representatives to call at his office at once for consultation.

Spokesmen for the mine operators agreed in advance to continue managing the coal fields under government control. But Lewis refused to say what his next move would be.

HINT BOTH SIDES AGREED

However, the tone of the White House announcement indicated strongly that he and the operators had been consulted before the President intervened and that he would agree to keep the mines open beyond the truce deadline at midnight Saturday.

White House press secretary Charles G. Ross said Krug's appointment as Federal administrator was "acceptable to both sides."

"I have no comment of any character," said Lewis when told of the White House statement.

The Presidential order was issued under Mr. Truman's continuing wartime powers to "preserve the national economic structure in the present emergency."

It empowered Krug to negotiate with the mine union for "appropriate changes in terms and conditions of employment" during the time the pits are under government operation.

UNION ACTIVITY, BUT—

That key provision paved the way for direct government-union negotiations on wages, hours and the welfare fund issue on which Lewis and the mine owners were unable to agree after more than two months of negotiations.

Krug was directed to maintain customary working conditions and union bargaining rights in the mines, subject to the proviso that union activities "do not interfere with the operation of the mines."

Mr. Truman specifically ordered the Army to furnish all protection that may be needed at Krug's request.

Possession of the coal fields will be restored to their owners as soon as practicable, and no later than 60 days after Krug finds that the productive efficiency of the soft coal industry has been restored, the Presidential order said.

Krug appealed to the mine workers to keep the pits operating at full blast during the period of government operation, warning that a shutdown now would be "disastrous."

Pennsylvania Miners May Continue Strike

PITTSBURGH, May 21 (UP).—Union officials refused to predict tonight whether mine workers would stay on the job after government seizure of the soft coal mines but there were indications that those miners in Pennsylvania who stayed off the job despite a two-week truce would continue their strike.

The truce expires at midnight Saturday but the government has ordered seizure of the mines tomorrow to prevent another paralyzing nationwide walkout. However, some 30,000 rebels in Pennsylvania did not observe the postponement ordered by UMW president John L. Lewis.

Three local union officials in central Pennsylvania said their men would not go back to work.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP).—Reports circulated tonight that President Truman is proposing a wage boost of 18½ cents—2½ cents more than recommended by his fact-finding board—for the railway trainmen and engineers to forestall the train strike set for 4 p. m. (Standard Time) Thursday.

the rules changes would be settled later by negotiation.

Meanwhile, A. F. Whitney, president of the Trainmen's Brotherhood, and Alvanley Johnston, chief of the Locomotive Engineers, revealed that they had laid a new and secret settlement proposal before the railroads.

The roads all have been under governmental operation since a Presidential seizure order was issued last Friday on the eve of the two brotherhoods' original strike call, which was postponed five days at Mr. Truman's request.

The President, however, denied union statements that he promised them a raise of more than 16 cents an hour in return for the strike postponement.

Going Shaw One Better

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Charge Legion Brass Held Secret Parley To Fight Labor Posts

By Joseph Clark

Top leaders of the American Legion held a secret "star chamber" meeting last Dec 14 to study action against labor posts, Maurice A. Frank, judge advocate of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, charged yesterday.

The Legion big shots, incensed at the position taken by the posts, have tried intimidation, gag rule and even revoking a charter in order to crack opposition to their reactionary line, Frank told a press conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania. The labor Legionnaires include 138 posts with about 50,000 members.

"For a year and a half," Frank declared, "our group has been investigated by an active Legion committee, and not one officer or member has been asked to appear before that committee to present our case or to answer any of the charges made against us."

OPPOSED ANTI-LABOR LINE

The investigating committee reported to the "star chamber" session that the labor Legionnaires were "unauthorized and illegal because they opposed national Legion policy," Frank said.

The minutes of the secret meeting, distributed to the press by Frank, cited several instances of opposition to National Legion policies including:

A. On the question of military training. . . .

B. In opposition to the Legion's stand against further immigration.

C. Against the American Legion's convention approval of Selective Service Interpretation 190-A (super-seniority).

D. Endorsing Henry Wallace for Secretary of Commerce.

E. Urging Congress to pass the 65-cent hourly minimum wage bill.

GAG RULE

The subcommittee report was then adopted by the National Executive Committee "as involving further fact finding."

Referring to previous efforts to gag Legionnaires for opposing national policies, Frank cited the case

of the Willard Straight Post. In 1934 national Legion leaders lifted the charter of the post for such opposition. The case went to the courts and the New York Supreme Court ruled that the gag efforts were "unreasonable and unwarranted and a violation of the American constitution." The charter was returned to the post.

George C. Danfield, secretary of the National Conference of Union Labor Legionnaires, said that about 50 percent of the members are World War I vets and the rest were from World War II. He announced that the annual meeting of the Labor Legionnaires would be held in the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, May 24-26. About 100 delegates are expected to attend.

Charles Vencill, president of the National Conference, expressed opposition to the "gag rule imposed by a small clique of top leaders who don't speak for or represent the rank and file American Legion members."

He added that the Labor Legionnaires will seek to change the delegate system of representation at the national conventions of the American Legion so that the posts will be directly represented.

An additional example of the way the gag rule operates was cited by Vice-President Henry Geisz in the case of the 307th Infantry Post of the American Legion in New York. This post was rebuked for supporting Veterans Administration Director Gen. Omar N. Bradley in his dispute with John Stelle, National Commander of the Legion.

Issues which will be discussed at the National Conference meeting this week-end include jobs, security, housing and a national and state bonus for veterans.



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By John Hudson Jones

"As Commander of the United Negro and Allies Veterans of America, having felt the lash of Jim-crow and physical abuse on my own body, I tell you now that the Negro soldiers are dedicated to the extermination of the enemies of democracy."

This forthright statement came from Kenneth Kennedy at a press conference yesterday in the offices of UNAVA, at 315 Lenox Avenue.

Kennedy, a dynamic young man of 21, spent two and a half years in the Army, fifteen months of which was as a corporal in the 82nd Airborne Division in the ETO.

A native of Birmingham, he attended Talledega College and was active in the early struggles led by the Southern Negro Youth Congress.

Questioned as to UNAVA's attitude on labor and other veterans' groups he said, "UNAVA does not will not set itself apart from labor or other veterans, but seeks friends and assistance in its special struggle, the struggle of the Negro veteran for life, a just share of the fruits of the peace, and a place in the



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sun."

Pointing out that the Negro veteran had been selected by American fascists to be lynched, beaten, and murdered in cold blood, and that this was the beginning of a campaign to destroy American democracy, and to launch an anti-Soviet war, he concluded that "the fight

for the rights of Negro veterans is a fight for the very life of our country."

More than 920,000 American Negroes took part in World War II, serving in every branch of the armed forces. Commenting on this fact, Kennedy said that "The Negro veteran of World War II is a mighty changed man. He knows what his people did to insure the victory over fascism abroad, and as a result is out to crush fascism in its many American forms here at home."

At present he is on a nationwide organizing tour, that has already taken him to several southern states. State organizations of UNAVA have already been set up in Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Louisiana.

Attention was called to the coming New York State Veterans' Conference to organize a UNAVA chapter. It was emphasized that already two Negro servicemen had been brutally murdered in Freeport, L. I., and that this alone should spur New York's veterans and the citizens of the state to vigorous support of the organization.

Milwaukee Enacts City FEPC; But Punishment Clause Is Weak

MILWAUKEE, May 21.—Milwaukee became last week the second city in the nation to enact a fair employment practices ordinance as the Common Council endorsed by a vote of 22 to 2 the ordinance proposed by the FEPC Committee.

However, the Common Council had cut the punishment clause

from the proposed fine of \$200 for violations to the meagre sum of \$10 or a five-day jail sentence. Otherwise, the only change made in the bill as enacted was to insert the word "willful" in describing violations.

The enactment of the City FEPC ordinance is generally considered a victory brought about by overwhelming mass pressure from many

labor and liberal citizens' groups in the community, inasmuch as the majority nonpartisan caucus of the Council was prepared to emasculate the bill altogether by completely eliminating the punishment clause and the section referring to private employment.

However, the provision for a fine of only \$10 is considered as an invitation on the part of employers to violate the law, rather than to observe it.

James W. Dorsey, local National Association of the Advancement of Colored People head, declared that the bill enacted by the Common Council "placed a higher premium on a parking ticket than on discrimination."

PRESS ROUNDUP

THE HERALD - TRIBUNE hits the efforts of top American Legion leaders to gag the 307th Infantry Post suggesting: "Through the advent of the new generation of fighting men, a rare opportunity to be purged of its reactionary elements is offered."

THE TIMES attacks existing labor legislation which it says has endowed, "essentially private organizations" with the power "to cripple the entire American economy whenever they choose to assert the power." A naive reader might interpret this as an attack against the right of capitalist owners to shut down their plants whenever they choose (and they chose to do that

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PM's London correspondent Frederick Kun reports: "The prevailing assumption in London is that measures for an eventuality of future war with the Soviet Union may be the background of Leahy's conversations."

THE JOURNAL-AMERICAN demands "a system of Federal arbitration" poorly concealing its advocacy of compulsory arbitration to hamstring labor.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM columnist Robert C. Ruark tells of "an Army film called 'Teamwork' . . . It was a fine film, one to ease tension and blunt a great deal of prejudice. . . but all of a sudden you saw that the Army had swiftly and cynically whitewashed itself of any guilt in its treatment of the Negro during the war."

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Seek Justice For Little Carolyn



Eighteen-month-old Carolyn Leftridge seems to be getting a kick out of showing film actress Freddie Washington that her watch ticks, as Carolyn's mother Sarah and band leader Noble Sissle look on. But the little group has met on more serious business—to advertise tonight's Golden Gate Ballroom memorial mass meeting for Pfc. Allen Leftridge, killed by MPs at Camp Lucky Strike, France, a year ago today. The War Department ruled Leftridge had died "due to his own misconduct"—he

was in a Red Cross canteen talking to some French girls—and denied his widow and baby a pension. Comrades of the 1310th Engineer Regiment organized a justice committee and have won a review of the case. Walter White, Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Peter V. Cacchione, Saul Mills and outstanding Harlem leaders and stars of the entertainment world will appear. Golden Gate Ballroom is at Lenox Ave. and 142d St.

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Carolina Publisher Calls For Negro Suffrage Drive

Osceola McKaine, publisher of the Charleston News and Observer and chairman of the South Carolina Progressive Democratic Party, this week called upon the forthcoming National Negro Congress convention to launch a major campaign for the suffrage rights of southern Negro citizens.

"There are many indications," said McKaine, "that the grass roots of the working Negro population are being deeply stirred. In a short and limited drive in Birmingham, the number of Negro votes was increased 150 percent, and the last two voters this writer helped to process were two Negro firemen

employed by the L. & N. railway, who had to pay \$36 each to qualify to vote.

"The 17-day drive in Savannah increased the number of Negro voters from 8,000 to about 20,000; in Augusta a campaign of 15 days augmented the voting strength of Negroes from 1,200 to 4,900; in Durham, N. C., a drive of 12 days increased the voting strength from a doubtful 3,000 to an effective 5,500."

Officials of the National Negro Congress, which meets in Detroit May 30 to June 1, report that over 1,000 delegates have already indicated their intention to attend.

An NNC convention train carrying New York, New Jersey and Connecticut delegates will leave Grand Central Station at 7:00 p.m. May 29.

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LET'S GO!

Manhattan Beach Vets Press for Fair Rentals

World War II veterans, tenants of the Manhattan Beach Emergency project, yesterday demanded rents be revised in line with standards in other public projects.

In an identical communication to

Gov. Thomas Dewey, Mayor O'Dwyer and the City Council majority and minority leaders, the Manhattan Beach Veterans Tenants Association charged "deceit, trickery, and arbitrary methods which have marked our relationship with the New York Housing Authority."

The veterans and war widows complained that all requests for improving living conditions have been met with delay and broken promises.

They are seeking improvement of traffic regulations, regular disposal of garbage, a playground for project children and space allocation for a doctor's office on the premises.

TO MEET O'DWYER

Housing Action, a group of veteran and labor organizations pressing for construction of 50,000 units in New York City, yesterday disclosed that a meeting will be held with Mayor O'Dwyer tomorrow or Friday.

Headed by Nathan Straus, former national housing administrator, Housing Action spokesmen were to have met with O'Dwyer Monday to discuss the plan they presented to him on Saturday when they staged a demonstration at City Hall.

The Housing Action plan calls for 50,000 permanent units on vacant

tracts, through a \$300,000,000 bond issue by the City Authority. The homes are to be of the two- and three-story walkup garden type buildings with 1½ to 6 room apartments at a cost of \$1,500 a room.

QUILL CHALLENGES LYONS

At the City Council, Bronx Councilman Michael J. Quill made public a challenge to Bronx Borough President James J. Lyons to debate the issue of the eviction of tenants living on the proposed Cross-Bronx and Major Deegan Highway right of way.

In a letter to Lyons, Quill repeated his contention that housing should be provided before highways. Quill pointed out that Lyons voted in the Board of Estimate on three occasions to continue the highway project. He charged Lyons had "turned somersaults on his promises," and now is "content to play the role of game warden and bush beater for the hatchetmen representing the big real estate men in this city."

Quill said the Tenants Relocation Bureau, which Lyons and Coordinator Robert Moses have been boasting, was "helpless and departmentless."

VET MOVES WIFE, 3 KIDS, INTO COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 21 (UP). — Thirty-two-year-old Navy veteran Sam J. Creggor today moved his wife and three small children into the Franklin County Court House.

He was protesting against "the failure of our country to provide adequate housing for our servicemen."

The ex-Navy storekeeper said, "I have wasted at least 100 gallons of gasoline trying to find a house to rent, and always a 'wee bit' too late."

The Navy veteran was drafted in 1944 and served until November, 1945, seeing eight months service in the Pacific.

His former landlord sold the house in which he lived and the new buyer served an eviction notice April 3. And Creggor vowed he would move into the court house, which is public property, since he could find no place else into which to move.

FUND DRIVE SLOW AT START; FLORIDA, JERSEY LEADING

The Communist Party 1946 Fund Drive today enters its fourth week. As of Monday, May 20, approximately 11 percent, or \$17,170.95, of its \$154,200 goal had been reached. Here are the quotas and amounts reached for each district:

SUMMARY SHEET		
District	Quota	Amt. Rec'd
New England	\$ 4,500	\$ 500.00
New York	100,000	12,806.45
E. Pa.	7,500	500.00
Maryland	4,000	100.00
W. Pa.	2,500	55.50
Ohio	5,500	300.00
Michigan	3,500	300.00
Illinois	10,000	—
Minnesota	2,000	350.00
New Jersey	4,000	950.00
Connecticut	3,000	—
Virginia	500	—
Wisconsin	2,000	100.00
Colorado	500	—
Texas	500	211.00
Missouri	1,000	300.00
Louisiana	400	—
Florida	750	647.00
Montana	125	—
Oklahoma	250	25.00
Nebraska	250	25.00
Utah	125	—
W. Virginia	200	—
Indiana	500	—
Alabama	400	—
N. & S. Carolina	200	—
	\$154,200	\$17,170.95

Call Soviet Youth to Harvest

MOSCOW, May 21 (UP).—All Soviet rural youth in the great Soviet granary of the Ukraine were ordered mobilized for work on spring crops today by the Communist Youth League newspaper.

A special article in the paper directed 900,000 members of Ukrainian Communist Youth organizations to carry out the mobilization.

The newspaper Socialist Agriculture reported there was "good news from the Kuban, Don, Salsk, Volga, Siberia and Moscow regions where winter crops promise a high yield."

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—Moscow Radio today reported prospects for a bumper wheat crop through the Ukraine, Kuban and adjoining areas which constitute one of the world's greatest wheat production belts.

The broadcast said the grain sowing plan for the huge zone, which before the war produced approximately 80,000 hundredweight annually, had been exceeded.

A United Workingclass in a United Germany

By Hans Berger

The Socialist Unity Party in Germany is not of interest to the Soviet Zone alone. The Elbe cannot and will not divide the German working class in the fight against reaction for a democratic Germany.

While Anglo-American occupation forces are openly hostile to this united German workers' party, American workers and all progressives should give it their utmost attention and support.

German workers capitulated to the Nazi movement from 1930 to 1933; during the war they failed to break the chains of the Hitler dictatorship and help other peoples by fighting for their own liberation. When nations pleaded: "Unite and rise," they did not respond.

To understand the German workers' guilt is to understand that their failure to unite against Nazism and fascism brought about tragedy for Germany and the world.

Therefore, creation of the Socialist Unity Party is one of the most important proofs that class conscious workers in Germany have understood their political and moral guilt and are learning from the terrible defeats of the past.

Recognition of guilt by a progressive class is worthless if the theoretical and practical lessons are not drawn in action. In the case of the German workers, this means to assume the task of destroying fascism and German imperialism and to lead the democratic revolution to the end without capitulating en route as in the past.

The German workers must become the guarantors to the world of a peaceful and democratic Germany. Therefore, they must unite, must overcome the thirty-year heritage of one reactionary led section of the working class preventing the other from crushing German imperialism.

Democratization — the alleged purpose of all occupation armies — chiefly requires encouragement and facilitation of unity in that class which alone can lead and organize a new peaceful Germany.

German fascism was victorious because of the Junkers, the trust and cartel magnates, and the split in the working class and the real democratic camp, as almost every serious student of history recognizes.

Why then, outside the Soviet zone, do the military authorities not act accordingly? Why have they ignored the main tasks in their job of "democratization"?

They discourage rather than encourage the German workers. They do not encourage the Germans to expropriate the Junkers and divide their land among the poor and landless peasants, the farm workers and those expelled from other countries. They are hostile to this ABC of de-Prussianization.

They conceal the historic crimes of the monopoly capitalists and stifle attempts to hold them accountable.

British and American businessmen are swarming all over Germany making deals with their German prototypes.

American, British and French authorities are not only ignoring but preventing execution of the

necessary fundamental tasks in Germany.

This is causing a dangerous situation, with basic progress only possible despite the non-Soviet military authorities.

Their attitude toward the Socialist Unity Party will be the decisive test in life-and-death questions of Germany's future development.

British authorities have already begun to force members of the Socialist Unity Party in their zone to relinquish membership in the Party's leading committees.

In the tremendous battle now going on in Germany between the democratic, progressive forces and the still-powerful forces of reaction and fascism, only the Soviet Union encourages and helps the development of democracy. Only the Red Army fully carries out the purpose of occupation.

That is why Germans in the Soviet Zone were able to destroy the power of the Junkers and monopoly capitalists. That is why the awakening labor movement could take the lead and finally overcome the fatal historic split in the working class. That is why they are increasingly able to walk alone, without being afraid — as in Bavaria — of being crushed at any time as they were crushed under Hitler.

Instead of destroying the Germans as so many predicted and even maintain today — the Socialist Soviet Union is helping the Germans to get rid of the basic causes of their historic misfortunes — a task which the Germans unfortunately were unable to

solve alone.

Thus the Red Army is conducting a policy of peace and security for all peoples. Never has a country, so harmed as was the Soviet Union, taken a more noble revenge: helping the enemy to become a civilized nation and helping its workers at last to play a decisive role in the battle against Prussianism and fascism.

The other occupation powers must not fight the Socialist Unity Party, for thereby they serve and preserve German reaction, fascism and imperialism. Purpose of such a fight can only be to salvage what they can of German imperialism in order not to lose an instrument in the dangerous international game of imperialist adventure. That is why Winston

Churchill, in his Fulton speech, came out against merger of the working class parties.

The 25 labor members of the British Parliament and the 85 British trade union leaders who greeted the Socialist-Communist merger did understand the international importance of the formation of a single German workers' party. American trade unionists too should encourage the German workers in their attempts to overcome the past.

The international labor movement has correctly criticized the German workers for their guilt. Now, with the merger a proof that the Germans are drawing the lessons of the past, the world's workers should say: "Keep it up brothers, you're on your way!"



From Land of the Dead: Tears of joy overcome these refugees, who are among the 867 survivors of Nazi horrors just brought to New York by the S.S. Marine Flasher.

Letters from Our Readers

Urge Deeper Analysis In Baseball Articles

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As a constant reader of the Daily Worker and a sports fan, I have been following Michael Singer's articles on Mexican baseball.

It is my opinion that a more fundamental Marxist-Leninist approach to this issue, Jorge Pasquel in particular, would have made the reconsideration in the Daily Worker of May 16th statements in earlier articles unnecessary.

Jorge Pasquel is a multi-mil-

lionaire, a capitalist, possessed of all the infamous characteristics of his class as Mr. Singer has belatedly informed us. Who from the beginning, knowing capitalists as Marxists do, could expect him to be otherwise?

The enthusiasm obvious in Singer's earlier articles was premature and based upon a partial knowledge of facts and incorrect approach.

Capitalists always remain true to their class interests and with this in mind it is not surprising that in Singer's reconsideration we read, quote: "Jorge Pasquel is ruthless, single-minded and in-

clined toward despotism."

Incidentally, the Daily Worker carried a heartening headline concerning our own Pittsburgh team — "Pirates Demand Union Contract," which is bound to win warm response in this highly unionized industrial area.

A PITTSBURGHER.

"Times" and Sulzberger Right for a Change

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In today's New York Times, C. L. Sulzberger, reporting the

Paris Conference of Foreign Ministers, writes:

"The world, whose hopes rose and fell throughout the 22-day sitting like a fitful barometer, was left disturbed by the prospects of a growing gap between Moscow and the western capitals, of which Washington is the undoubtedly bellwether."

Webster's Collegiate Dictionary defines "bellwether" as follows: 1. a wether, or male sheep which leads the flock, with a bell on his neck. 2. A leader of a thoughtless crowd.

S. KAPLAN.

IWO versus PM on "On Whitman Avenue"

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I was very shocked to see the IWO criticism of Louis Kronenberger's review of "On Whitman Avenue."

I thought the review was excellent, not only because of its judicious of the play's merits as a play, but because it makes the exact point the IWO criticizes it for. Namely, that as a progressive play which studies a taboo subject, it has failed to bring anything important across to the audience.

The people who see "On Whitman Avenue" are the people who do not have to be educated. They are the ones who already know and have tried to do something about it.

It is true that Kronenberger could have been kinder and recommended the play just because it is progressive — but regardless, his criticism of the technical and social aspects of the play were entirely correct.

I personally think that "On Whitman Avenue" was very good, considering that it is a first play and the plain fact that it talked freely about the Negro problem. I don't entirely agree with Kronenberger, but I am ready to admit that he is right in many ways. SUSAN PEARLMAN.

Likes "Daily's" Mine Hero Story

Flushing, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The Daily Worker is to be congratulated on a splendid front page story in the May 18th issue. I refer to the "Mine Hero Dies" story and picture that accompanied it.

What other newspaper in this country brings home to the people the horrible fate of Bud Townes, a brother who died in a coal mine. And then finish the story with the warning that a similar fate awaits 400,000 more miners.

PHILIP SEGAL.

Social Democratic Rankings

Let's Face It

By Max Gordon

THERE is a discussion now going on in the New Republic, liberal weekly, which has the frightening overtones of Germany, 1932.

It was started last week by James Loeb, Jr., national director of the Union of Democratic Action, an outfit of liberals dominated by Social Democrats. In a letter to the weekly, Loeb developed the theory that liberals should refuse to work in political organizations with Communists. He insisted columnists etc. etc. Communists should be barred from all progressive groups.

Councilman Stanley Isaacs, a member of UDA, challenged Loeb's position in the following issue.

"I can conceive of no more stupid strategy for liberals to pursue," Councilman Isaacs wrote, "than to . . . split apart; to fight among themselves because some will and some will not permit Communists to share in the battle to save our liberties and protect our institutions."

Councilman Isaacs cited an example which shows where the Loeb position leads. The organization created to help the Socialist Loyals split on the "Communist issue." Isaacs was with the "conservative group." But he soon found the "rump" group which had re-

fused to bow to the red-baiters were the only ones helping the Loyalist refugees and so he backed it.

This was the Spanish Refugee Committee whose leaders have been cited for contempt by the Rankin Un-American Committee.

But here is the pay-off! Isaac reveals that he urged the UDA to go to the defense of the Spanish Committee but met opposition "for just the reasons that Mr. Loeb outlines."

I STARTED by saying the Loeb position had the overtones of Germany, 1932. It was exactly this Social-Democratic attitude of "better Hitler than unity with the Communists" that divided the German working class and allowed the Nazis to take power.

Today Loeb says better the Wood-Rankin Committee than permit liberals to become tainted through association with Communists.

Perhaps Loeb does not think the fascist danger great in America today. If so, he had better take another look around.

The unreconstructed reactionaries and labor-haters who control Congress do not hesitate to use their power to try to suppress free elections, as in the case of the Dies and Wood-Rankin Committees vs. CIO-PAC.

Before the war, most of the reactionaries did all in their power to prevent interference with the Nazi drive for conquest. During the war, they hampered its effective prosecution by pressure against the "Hitler First" strategy,

by opposing a Second Front, by obstructing domestic war policy. Today, they are doing all they can to bolster fascist regimes, to rescue fascism and reaction in Europe.

Their aims were, and are, the same as Hitler's — to enthronize reaction and destroy progress, whether abroad, in the shape of the Soviet Union and the new democracies now arising, or at home, in the shape of the labor and liberal movement.

THE danger to our democracy is real and immediate. It requires the widest sort of unity of all anti-fascists. But that unity will not and cannot be forged by vacillating liberals.

The Communists, the advance guard of the labor movement, will be, as they are and have been in the past, the most active and tireless organizers of unity. They have continuously sought unity within the working class itself, unity between labor and farmers, labor and Negroes, labor and the middle class.

In this persistent, untiring fight for unity against fascism and reaction lies the explanation for the fact that the Communists, small though we are in numbers, have been such an immense factor in the nation's life.

But we are still fighting a defensive battle. There is not yet enough unity among the people of the country to take the play away from the small minority who threaten not only our own democracy, but the peace and independence of the entire world.

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Profits, Profits, Profits

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, "obviously tired from dickerings in the coal and railroad industries," said the papers, has just given some advice to the American working people.

Speaking in Missouri, the President said his advice is "work, work, work."

Who said the American people don't want to work? There are more than three million Americans, mostly vets, who want to work right now and can't get jobs.

As for the rest of the American working class its idea is to work, but not at the semi-starvation wages the corporations are trying to slap on the people.

Truman seemed to hint that what's wrong with the country today is that the people don't want to work. The truth of the matter is that the big Trusts have been refusing to go ahead full steam because they were on a sit-down strike to bully bigger profits out of the nation. And, as far as we can see, they have pretty much succeeded, with the help of Truman himself. Truman lets them have the price increases which swell out all along the line into a higher cost of living and bigger profits.

It also shows that he views with hostility the wishes of the common people for economic guarantees that when they work for the big corporations they shall at least get decent wages. This, despite his earlier assurances that he believed otherwise.

The idea is constantly repeated in the press these days that "labor has too much power to halt production." This is ridiculously false. It is the owners of the industries who exercise unlimited right to halt production.

The employers' dream is a working class that wouldn't eat, and hence would require no wages.

Every attempt by labor to get back just a little more of what it itself produces for the masters of the factories is mocked as evil and a "menace to liberty."

Truman's "work, work, work," advice, without any guarantees for labor means nothing but "work, work, work" to create "profits, profits, profits."

It solves nothing.

By swelling the enormous profits of the Trusts it impoverishes the consumer market and only makes the economic crisis, inevitable under the present capitalist system, come sooner and hit harder.

The Golden Club

GOVERNMENT leaders and the press have been adopting an ethereal tone of heavenly noble-mindedness in talking about Washington's foreign policy.

It seems that all other nations are earth-bound. Our policy alone rests on sweetness, light and justice.

But the cloven hoof shows through.

In talking about a \$3,750,000,000 loan to the British Empire, Secretary of the Treasury Vinson explained that this loan will jimmy open some of Britain's formerly exclusive profit-preserves. Wall Street bankers and investors will have a chance to break into the trade monopoly which British imperialism maintains with a heavy club in the name of "freedom."

Even more interesting is the revelation in President Truman's request to Congress for more loan funds that the Soviet Union is not being considered for any economic help.

"This indicates," writes the New York Times, "that the United States has determined to make political considerations a factor in its lending program. . . . The stiffer policy toward Russia serves notice on other nations that such (political) considerations have now become more important."

Straight out. No kidding about it.

The nations of the world, especially our allies, are being warned that Wall Street has the money, the food, and, not least, the atom bomb.

The world must take orders—or face economic blockade. This goes for France, for the Balkans, and for everyone else.

This is the real brutal Dollar Diplomacy underlying the suave double-talk of Secretary Byrnes and his adviser, Vandenberg.



VINSON

TEAMWORK TERROR



Chiang Cabinet Geared for Civil War

By Henry Simms

The recent reshuffling of Chiang Kai-shek's cabinet is intended to consolidate the Kuomintang's ranks for all-out civil war, and to win ever greater support from the United States.

Take a look at the new ministers.

Chen Cheng becomes Chief of Staff in place of pro-fascist Ho Ying-chin, whose troops had an unbroken record of defeats in war, both against Japan and against the Communists.

With Chen, Chiang hopes for better results, inasmuch as two of Chen's own armies are now fighting in Manchuria, and the third is stationed in Peiping and Tientsin. Since Chiang's entire military system is still based on feudal and personal loyalty, Chen's appointment should boost civil war efficiency.

Gen. Pai Tsung-hsi, the new War Minister, is a leader of the Kwanghsia clique, which has opposed Chiang's Central Government for years. But Pai fought Chiang only for personal power; his ruling passion was anti-Communism.

In promoting him to the War Ministry, Chiang hopes to eliminate the Kwanghsia opposition and utilize fully the two Kwanghsia armies in Central China against the Communist New 4th Army.

Before Pai took over his new post, he had already made an inspection tour of important military areas in North and Central China. Speaking in Mukden recently, he called for more vigorous action against the Communist Democratic Unity Army in Manchuria.

Peng Hsueh-pel, new Kuomintang Propaganda Chief, was linked with Wang Ching-wei, China's No. 1 traitor. As Vice-Minister of Communications in 1938, Peng arranged for Wang's escape from Chungking to Indo-China and later to Japanese-occupied Shanghai.

His elevation to the propaganda job indicates Chiang more than ever needs the cooperation of the puppets in his anti-Communist crusade.

Wu Kuo-cheng, shifted from

the Propaganda Ministry, became Mayor of Shanghai. He replaces the notoriously corrupt Mayor Chien Tai-chun.

As the most important seaport in China, Shanghai needs a Mayor who can best please the Americans and efficiently police this great metropolis which is so rich in revolutionary traditions.

David Yu, new Minister of Communications, is liked by the Americans and is one of the more efficient bureaucrats in the decadent Kuomintang dictatorship. These qualities are essential in a civil war which requires military communications and American cooperation.

Tsang Yang-fu, new Minister of Railways, is a die-hard and influential member of the fascist CC clique within the Kuomintang.

As Communications Minister during the war, he was commissioned to build a railway between Kweichow and Kwanghsia. First he opened a coal mine of his own, then broke all records building the railway so that he could corner its coaling contract. It was found later that trains couldn't run in the rain because the road bed was so badly constructed.

His speed, however, impressed

the Americans, and Donald Nelson once recommended him for Production Chief—a catastrophe narrowly averted when someone pointed out Tsang's high position in the CC fascist hierarchy.

Wang Wen-hao, the so-called liberal of the Chiang dictatorship, was demoted from Minister of Economy to Minister of Agriculture and Mining, a post generally reserved for retired war lords.

Wang Yun-wu, new Minister of Economy, is the only non-Kuomintang member of the Cabinet. But he has always been close to Chiang, and heads the largest publishing monopoly in China, the Commercial Press of Shanghai.

Chiang Kai-shek, new Minister of Industry and Commerce, is a banker. Widely heralded by the American press as a non-Kuomintang liberal, he is really a member of the Kuomintang's central committee and is a powerful figure in the party's Political Science clique. He owes his present position primarily to his close relations with Wall Street—and Wall Street aid is essential in event of an all-out civil war.

The cabinet as a whole is even more reactionary than the last; more bent on a huge U. S.-supported civil war.

Worth Repeating

The Dean of Canterbury, writing of Marxism and its application to the Soviet Union, says, in part: "The achievements of this new Marxian society are already immense, their promise greater still. The dangerous features of the aquisitive instinct have gone. The pursuit of science replaces the pursuit of gain. The struggle between the major instincts—altruistic and egoistic, have gone. The fear of unemployment, trade depression, helpless sickness, impoverished old age and inability to provide for one's family, have gone."

"The lies, deceit and secrecy which have made capitalistic industry a nightmare to sensitive souls have also gone. Creative work opens to all, making possible the true pursuit of vocation." From Marxism and the Individual.

Yugoslavia 'Terror' a Lie, UP Reporter Finds

By Edgar Clark

United Press Staff Correspondent

BELGRADE, May 21 (UP).—If all the stories about what goes on in Yugoslavia were true, the man I met in Sarajevo, cradle of the First World War, should have been dead at least a year.

He was a 20-year-old, one-legged member of the Ustashi, the fanatic Croat nationalists who fought with the Italians and the Germans and burned down scores of Serbian villages, murdering thousands of peasants.

This young man openly wore his Ustashi driver's insignia as proof of his war record. Most reports would have it that Marshal Tito's men have relentlessly exterminated the Ustashi. This youngster's experience has been in contrast to those stories.

The young man said he joined the Ustashi when he was 15, more for adventure than anything else. He lost his leg when Allied planes strafed the German

convoy in which he was a driver.

Asked how people were treating him, he said: "All right. They realize I have paid for being young and foolish and I guess I was."

PRIEST IN PARLIAMENT

Another significant incident occurred at the opening session of the first regular meeting of the Yugoslav Parliament when a tall, grey-haired man in the robe of a Roman Catholic priest stepped from the members' benches to the platform. He was the Rev. Svebor Ritig, Catholic priest and people's representative from the Croat capital of Zagreb.

Ritig went to the platform to shake hands with Dr. Ivan Ribar, No. 2 man in Yugoslavia, president of the Executive Presidium and prominent Communist leader.

Ritig is one of half a dozen Romanian and Serbian orthodox priests who are members of the Parliament.

In discussion later Ritig said: "I am a Yugoslav. I fought with the partisans during the war although I am a Croat and a Catholic priest. But I am a Yugoslav."

He was one of several hundred Roman priests and nuns as well as orthodox clergy whom I saw in my trip through Yugoslavia. They seemed to be accorded respect and freedom as they would in a western country.

EX-FOES UNMOLESTED

Driving through northwest Yugoslavia in the Lika Valley, where the Ustashi and Chetniks ravaged village after village, some hamlets could be seen completely untouched. It was explained that these were the villages of the Ustashi and the Chetniks. To inquiries as to what had become of the villagers, the reply was that they were still living in their homes and that there would be no retaliation "because now we are united South Slavs

and no longer Croats and Serbs."

In Belgrade in an average middle class suburban house at No. 5 Locaviceva St. lives George Karageorgevitch, uncle of former King Peter. He has been a lifelong advocate of a Yugoslav republic and now lives as plain "Mr. Karageorgevitch." He is respected by Yugoslav military leaders for his bravery.

One of Tito's close lieutenants told how he was standing near George with a partisan unit during the Soviet attack on Belgrade.

"I came on him standing in the open with German shells coming in just 50 feet away," he said. "He was so brave I don't know how to tell you."

Also living quietly in Belgrade are the wife, son and daughter of Draga Mikhailovitch, who is about to go on trial as a war criminal. They live the ordinary life of Belgrade citizens with no distinctions or restrictions.

Tell How Laughing Nazis Slew Malmedy Prisoners

DACHAU, Germany, May 21 (UP).—Three former American soldiers told a United States Army court today how laughing SS machine gunners had herded their comrades, arms raised in surrender, to the snow-covered Malmedy crossroads and mowed them down.

The witnesses were Virgil P. Lary of Lexington, Ky., a former first lieutenant; Carl R. Daub of Colebrook, Pa., a former technician fifth grade, and Kenneth E. Kingston of Allentown, Pa., a former corporal. They testified against 74 former members of the SS Adolf Hitler division, including the commanding officer, Col. Gen. Joseph (Sepp) Dietrich, who are being tried for murdering American prisoners during

the Ardennes offensive of December, 1944.

Dab and Kingston "hit the dirt" when the first shots were fired and later escaped. Lary was shot in the foot, and played dead for two hours until the SS men passed on.

When American troops recaptured the Malmedy crossroads, they found 71 bodies. Forty-three were wounded, but not killed. "Approximately 120" others were listed as missing in action.

Lary said two SS machine guns fired for three minutes into unarmed Americans standing eight ranks deep and 20 abreast on Dec. 17, 1944. With the first shots, he fell face down in frozen mud, wounded in the foot.

Amid the chatter of the machine guns, he heard single shots

Set Torturers' Trial

DACHAU, Germany, May 21 (UP).—Fifty-two former officials and guards of the Flossenbürg concentration camp, who are accused of burying political prisoners alive, torturing Allied prisoners and performing amputations without anesthetic, will go on trial at Dachau June 12, it was announced today.

from pistols and the "agonized screaming" of his wounded and dying comrades being killed by bullets in the head.

From the road where the Germans were standing, Lary heard maniacal laughter.

"The firing," he said, "lasted about three minutes. A man came by me and I heard a pistol shot nearby. Then I heard the sound of a new clip being inserted in a pistol and the individual passed on."

Then Lary, a tall, blond man of 24, pointed his finger at one of the 94 defendants who stood less than two feet from the witness stand.

"This is the man who fired two shots into an American prisoner of war," he said.

GRIT MAKES UP FOR TOOLS AS YUGOSLAVIA REBUILDS

BELGRADE, May 21 (ALN).—Making up for lack of equipment with courage and determination, the Yugoslav people have made great progress in rebuilding property damaged or destroyed during the war.

Of the 1,062 railway bridges either partially or totally wrecked, 920 are now back in working order. Some of these are bridges that British Royal Engineers estimated would take nine months to reconstruct with proper equipment. The Yugoslavs repaired them in five months without the proper equipment. Similar feats have been accomplished in repairing locomotives and tunnels.

This work has been done mainly by railway workers, but it could never have been completed so fast except for the voluntary work done by people from all walks of life. Among the most enthusiastic participants in volunteer work are the youth organizations, which have organized competition between streets,

boroughs, towns, villages, districts and even Federal Republics, covering every field of work.

Japanese Camp Torturer Indicted

TOKYO, May 21 (UP).—Toranoshin Akamatsu, former prisoner-of-war guard at a camp near Osaka, was indicted by the Allied headquarters legal section today for hammering to death Pvt. Robert H. Hill, Norris City, Ill.

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DR. JOSEPH WORTZ, noted psychiatrist and lecturer at the School of Jewish Studies, on Thursday, May 23, 8:30 p.m., at 13 Astor Place, fifth floor, on "Some Special Problems of the Jewish Child." Everybody is invited. Admission 50¢.

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FIRST ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT of the School of Jewish Studies, Saturday, May 25, Town Hall. Program: Jewish People's Philharmonic Chorus, Max Helfman, conductor; Max Polikoff, violin; Simeon Bellison, clarinet; Sidney Foster, piano; Benjamin Zemach, dramatic recitations; and string quartet of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Prof. Frederic Ewen, chairman. Tickets at \$1.20, \$1.50 and \$2.40 can be obtained at the office of the school, 13 Astor Place, Gramercy 7-1861; at the office of the Jewish Music Alliance, 1 Union Square, at the Morning Freiheit office, 35 E. 12th St., and at Raport's, 1327 Southern Blvd., Bronx.

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KARL FRANK Before the Tribunal

PRAGUE, May 21 (UP).—Karl Hermann Frank, Nazi overlord of occupied Czechoslovakia, was sentenced today to death by public hanging for the obliteration of Lidice and contributing to the death of 300,000 or more Czechs.

A Czech People's Court acted after a long parade of witnesses recounted Frank's brutal acts.

Frank confessed he had ordered SS troops to wipe out Lidice.

When the trial opened on March 22, Frank asked in vain to be tried at Nuernberg by the international tribunal rather than by the Czech court.

10,000 New Communists Recruited

CP NATIONAL BOARD URGES FILLING QUOTAS BY JUNE 18

The National Board of the Communist Party yesterday announced that 10,000 new members had been recruited into the Party during the current campaign, and urged a completion of the national quota by June 18.

Meanwhile, the board called upon party members to obtain 12,000 renewals of subscriptions to The Worker and complete the Fund Drive during June.

The letter, signed by William Z. Foster and John Williamson on behalf of the National Board read:

"To All Party Members, Clubs & Committees.

"Dear Comrades:

"The final results of the Party Building Campaign will be announced by the National Board on June 18, the anniversary of the National Committee meeting which repudiated Browder revisionism and decided to reconstitute the C. P. as the Marxist vanguard political Party of the working class. While nationally the Party Building Campaign will be concluded on this date, individual districts may, if they so desire, continue their own campaign until a later date, and Clubs are urged to continue systematic recruiting as an everyday Communist activity.

SOUTH SETS EXAMPLE

"To date, some 10,000 new members have been added to our ranks. The Southern districts have set a splendid example for the entire Party in their recruiting activities. We feel that as a result of intensified recruiting efforts in the course of developing our mass work (struggle for peace, unionization activities, defense of wage demands, defense of the rights of the Negro people particularly around Columbia and Freeport, maintenance of price control, and defeat of all anti-labor legislation, etc.) many more thousands of new members, especially from the concentration industries and cities, will come into our Party before June 18.

"We want to urge especially adequate organization of the 1,000 house gatherings on the week-end of May 24, 25, 26, and of the memorial meetings for our fallen Communists in World War II on Memorial Day. We want to urge, furthermore, the completing of all plans for the organization of the new shop and industrial branches, as well as of community clubs in new areas and towns.

"When the Party Building Campaign was launched on March 15, we stressed the following main point:

"The success of the campaign in any district will be judged in the first place on the realization of the concentration goals aimed at improving and changing the industrial composition of the Party."

"In examining the recruiting results nationally, we find that 57 percent of the new members are industrial workers, and 36 percent come from basic industries. Many districts have made even greater headway, averaging 75 percent industrial composition and 55 percent from basic industry. This is fine progress and in line with our central emphasis in this campaign.

"If the national average is to be improved, it is necessary for New York, New England, California and Maryland to improve further the quality of their recruiting. We are also happy to report that we have already exceeded our objectives in such industries as maritime, pack-

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In this corner

Is Another Joe Louis Coming Up?

By Bill Mardo

Already there is an electric quality about the name of Billy Fox, the Negro kid from Philly who flattened Ossie Harris two night ago for his 39th straight kayo in a like number of pro starts.

Remember back in 1934, when out-of-town scribes coming into New York would whisper in awed tones about a young Negro heavy named Joe Louis who was knocking 'em dead in Detroit? And do you recall how Joe Louis' name graduated out of the tiny agate lines under which all non-local fight results are listed, and how the wire services soon began filing long post-bout raves after each of his mid-west scraps? And before you knew it, the New York boxing writers began hopping the Detroit-bound train to get a gander at this new sensation named Joe Louis.

Well, it seems to be happening all over again, only this time the fighter involved is Billy Fox, the 20-year-old Philadelphian who apparently hits with much of the piston-like power that marked the rapid rise of King Joe. This isn't the first piece we've written about Fox, nor will it be the last, judging from the breakneck speed with which he's climbing to the top. Only once did we actually ever see Billy work, and that was three years ago in a four-round Garden prelim. But even then, the steely-eyed youngster had that certain undefinable mark about him which most folks refer to as class. Maybe it was the way he held his mitts as he quietly stalked his foe. Perhaps it was the tingling feeling everybody had that the 17-year-old novice could end the fight with one blow. You know, the same experience that grips you when watching Joe Louis, the incredible sensation that no matter what, sooner or later, the house is suddenly gonna cave in on the other guy.

And on several occasions, this corner has publicly urged Mike Jacobs to bring Billy back into the Garden for another look at this corner, who's forced to rack up his amazing list of kayoes in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and everywhere but New York, the mecca of big-time boxing.

All this is by way of saying we tuned in the other night on the Fox Harris sizzler at Quaker City. And even over the air the kid generated more excitement than many of us see in countless Friday nights at the Garden. This one was a rematch, because two months ago Harris became the first man to go longer than six rounds with the red-hot kayo artist. On that occasion, Billy was having his hands full with the cagey veteran until he belted him out in the tenth and final frame.

It was the same way two nights ago, only this time Ossie "The Bulldog" was using his vast experience to pile up a big point margin. He was hooking his younger foe silly, with Billy bleeding from the nose and one eye completely closed. Going into the tenth, the only way Fox could preserve his win-and-kayo streak was to score a last-minute knockout. A decision was bound to go against him, that's how far behind he was. All we know is that, even with such terrible odds against Fox, we couldn't quiet the feeling that he was going to do the trick.

A crunching left hook to the belly followed by a short piledriver to the button ended it. Harris was stretched cold, and it took another minute to revive him. The scrap proved two things, and the press and radio account of the fight bore this out. The rapidly growing light-heavy can take it as well as give, and what's more important, his two fists contain the same lethal qualities in the tail-end of a bout that they have at the opening bell.

Many experts have gone on record to the effect that Billy Fox is the closest thing to another Joe Louis that has come along yet. He'll take a bit more schooling, for he caught too many punches to be quite ready for Gus Lesnevich's crown.

This writer, for one, would like to see Fox develop further in local rings. But if Mike Jacobs persists in keeping Billy out of the Garden, well, it looks like we're in for a ride to Philly soon. It's time to get another first-hand glimpse of this terrifically talented youngster.

EAGLES, CUBANS LEAD N.N.L.

The Newark Eagles and New York Cubans were deadlocked for the Negro National League lead as the teams move into the fourth week in the pennant race.

The Eagles, unbeaten in league competition until Sunday, were rudely jolted from the undisputed lead by the Baltimore Elite Giants, who scored a double victory over the Birds, 4-3 and 5-3, before 6,000 at Newark's Ruppert Stadium.

While the Eagles' wings were being clipped last Sunday the Cubans were dividing a twin bill with the New York Black Yankees, winning, 5-1, then losing, 1-2, before 7,000 who braved the chilly weather in New York's Yankee Stadium. The Cubans, however, had gained two mid-week triumphs, defeating the Elites at Baltimore, and the Homestead Grays, 7-6, at Washington, Thurs.

The Elites' double win saw Leon Day, Newark ace, lose his first game against two loop wins as Joe Black bested him in the seven-inning nightcap, after Bill Byrd

had outpitched Len Hooker and Max Manning in the first tilt.

A four-hit hurling job by Ray Scantlebury checked the Yankees in the first game at New York while the Latins pounded Schoolboy Griffith for 11 bingles. In the night cap, Neck Stenley, veteran spitballer, nosed out a 2-1 victory, in spite of the fact that Luis Tiant limited the Yankees to four hits while the Latins were nicking Stanley for six.

In the Washington double bill, Henry McHenry, Stars' right-hand ace, tossed a five-hitter at the Grays, in the first fray, but the NNL champions roared back to whitewash the Quaker nine in the second game. A clever pitching stint by rookie Cicero Warren, 26-year-old Raleigh, N. C., youth, and a neat relief job by Doubleday Radcliffe, with some timely hitting by Josh Gibson and Jerry Benjamin turned the trick. The Grays chased Barney Brown in the fifth inning with a three-runupprising which proved enough to win.

'Something New' Added to Baseball

By C. E. Dexter

One-fourth of the current baseball season will have been completed next week—and honest, fellas, it's been a lulu. Crowds are jamming their way into ballparks, the haphazard Dodgers have been riding high. Bobby Feller has pitched a no-hitter, and Boston's Red Sox are emerging as the best team since the Cards of 1942.

But when historians record the rest of this postwar spring, they will remember most vividly certain off-the-field events which indicate that this is a new day, indeed, in the great baseball pastime.

For example, Negroes are now playing in organized ball for the first time. Despite prediction of earth-shaking repercussions, nothing untoward has happened . . . except that they play as well as whites—and that fans in Canadian and American cities greet them with the same cheers with which they hail other ballplayers.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Arthur Godfrey
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Dettinger, News
11:15-WEAF—Telle-Test—Quiz
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy; Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—Tens and Tens—Sketch
WMCA—News; Reports
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Hartman
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindahl
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NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—John Hainline, News
WOR—Lyle Van, News; Music
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF—Maggie McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; Charn School
WABC—Helen Trent
WMCA—Don Goddard, News; Music
12:45-WEAF—Ray Barrett, Interviews
WABC—Our Owl Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—George Byrnes, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Daugherty, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WQXR—News; Symphonic Music
1:15-WOR—Jack Bundy's Album
WJZ—The Woman's Exchange
WABC—Ms. Perkins
1:30-WEAF—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Young Mr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Dally Dilemmas
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA—News; Ray Smith, Songs
WQXR—News; Pop Concert

2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Pat Barnes—Talk

2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WMCA—Variety Music

2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Time to Remember

3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program

WJZ—Al Pearce Show

WABC—You're in the Act

WMCA—News; Variety Music

WQXR—News; Opera House

3:15-WEAF—Mr. Perkins

3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young's Family

WOR—John Gambling, News

WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated

WABC—Cinderella, Inc.

3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness

4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife

WOR—Better Half—Quiz

WJZ—Jack Bench Show

WABC—House Party

WMCA—News; Variety Music

WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee

4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas

WJZ—Beautiful Music

4:25-WABC—News Reports

4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones

WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy

WABC—Land of the Songs

WMCA—News; Music

4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown

WJZ—Hop Harrigan

5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries

WOR—Uncle Don

WJZ—Terry and the Pirates

WABC—Feature Story

WMCA—News; Music

WQXR—News; Music

5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life

WOR—Superman

WJZ—Dick Tracy

WABC—Woman's Club

5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill

WOR—Captain Midnight

WJZ—Jack Armstrong

WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch

WMCA—News; Listen to a Story

WQXR—Old Favorites

5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrel

WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix

WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch

WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk

WQXR—Man About Town—Sue Read

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News; Concert Music

WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch

WJZ—Kierman's News Corner

WABC—Harry Marble, News

WMCA—News; Talk

WQXR—News; Music to Remember

6:15-WOR—Bob Olson, Interviews

WJZ—Ethel and Albert—Sketch

WABC—Patti Clayton, Songs

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show

WOR—Gabriel Heatter

WJZ—Jones and I—Play

WABC—Frank Sinatra Show

WMCA—News; Baseball Game

WQXR—News Review

9:05-WAAT (970 KC)—Labor Views

News—Sponsored by UE-CIO

9:15-WEAF—Real Life Stories

WQXR—Great Names

9:30-WEAF—Mr. District Attorney—Play

WOR—Cugat's Orchestra

WJZ—Sammy Kaye Orchestra

WABC—Bob Crosby Show

WQXR—Cavalcade of Music

9:35-WJZ—Elmer Davis News

10:00-WEAF—Kay Kyser Show

WOR—Variety Musicale

WJZ—Sports Review

WABC—Great Moments in Music

WMCA—News; Baseball Game

WQXR—News; Opera Music

10:30-WOR—The Symphonette

WJZ—United Negro College Fund

WABC—Curt Massey, Songs; David Rose Orchestra

WQXR—String Music

10:45-WMCA—Frank Kingdon

11:00-WEAF—WOR—News; Music

WABC, WJZ—News; Music

WMCA—News; Amateur Night

WQXR—News; Symphony Hour

11:15-WABC—Wor—From the Country

11:30-WABC—Invitation to Music

11:35-WOR—Food for Freedom—P. H. LeGardinis; Sir John Orr

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ART Today

Georgia O'Keeffe
America's Most Famous
Woman Painter
by Marion Summers

GEORGIA O'KEEFE, America's most famous woman painter, has held a secure position in artistic circles as well as public taste for more than two decades. In recognition the Museum of Modern Art is presenting a retrospective exhibition of her work covering 30 years of activity.

From the time in 1916 when the young Texas school teacher brought her fragile little drawings to "291," the pioneering gallery of modern art presided over by Alfred Stieglitz, she has hewn to a single line with honest persistency. She soon developed an individual style whose abstract qualities placed her among the vanguard in the development of modernism in the United States and whose decorative charm endeared her to a large audience who snubbed more profound artists.

O'Keeffe is not a great artist, but she has caught in her painting a fundamental quality of our civilization. The cleanliness, the precision, the mechanical efficiency of her style is an esthetic expression of our scientific age. Her paintings are the artistic equivalent of all the streamlined automobiles, the gleaming white kitchens, the glass and chromium buildings which embody the material dreams of bourgeois culture. O'Keeffe has been appreciated so readily because she has made pictures which set perfectly within the context of these dreams. Against the hospital-white walls of the museum, they hang like sterilized, precision-tooled symbols of a technological utopia of steel, glass and plastics. They are, also, completely devoid of humanity.

Although O'Keeffe's style is unmistakable and individual, it is still part of a general tendency in American painting—mechanical realism. When she first came to New York, the Stieglitz circle included Sheeler, Demuth and others who were experimenting with the clean surfaces and precise edges of mechanical forms. Some of her earlier work seems influenced by the transitory impact of the then recently imported Synchromism. But she soon shook that off and accepted the general concept of mechanical realism. To this she brought certain individual traits—a unique sense of decoration, a predilection for abstract shapes which somehow always have given the impression of eroticism, and a very limited but sensitive palette.

Her style has changed very little during the years. She has found striking patterns in the juxtaposition of a limited number of props—flowers, cows' skulls and an occasional barn or landscape. The major characteristic of her style is the trick of magnifying an object far beyond its original size, thus imparting to it a novel and startling aspect. It gives one the feeling of uniqueness, of discovery, that here is something one never realized before. In her finest work O'Keeffe spreads that sense of magic. At her best she has breadth, suavity and a cool brilliance.

However, when she tries something which is itself immense, she fails completely. Her New York skyscrapers and her landscapes of the Southwest are weak shadows of the real thing. Space, atmosphere, texture, richness of color, all these are beyond her. In two dimensions and with a severely limited color gamut she can create with fluidity and control. Elsewhere she is lost.

There is no denying her ability and originality as a decorator; her pictures would be stunning in high class beauty parlors. But that does not make her either a great or an important artist. Some of the critics have felt that the exhibition is hung too sparsely, but it is not so much a paucity of material as a paucity of inherent quality. Georgia O'Keeffe's art is thin, and spreads so ambitiously over a large area the thinness becomes too obvious.

Howard daSilva At Anti-Rankin Rally

A smalltown barber, plagued by local fascists for the display in his shop window of progressive political candidates and anti-fascist organizations—is the theme of Arthur Miller's dramatic presentation, entitled *You're Next*—to be presented for the first time at the anti-Rankin rally, Thursday, May 23, at Manhattan Center.

Howard daSilva, the bartender in *Lost Weekend*, plays the barber who is finally threatened with investigation by the Rankin Un-American Activities Committee. A cast of prominent stage and radio celebrities including Frank Lovejoy, Leon Janney and Lou Polan will dramatize the Miller script with daSilva.

The meeting is sponsored by Veterans Against Discrimination.



Eddy Manson, harmonica virtuoso, is featured in 'Tid-Bits of '46' which is presented by the Youth Theatre Alumni, Saturday nights at the Barbizon-Plaza. Iva Kitchel, Phil Leeds, Marais and Mirandas and others are also featured.

Contemporary Art Exhibit in L. I.

An exhibit of leading contemporary artists will be displayed three evenings, on May 24, 25, 26 at the Vogel Studios, 3931 44th St., Long Island City, for the benefit of the fund drive of the Communist Party.

Paintings by the following artists will be shown: Refregier, Kopman, Jules, Evergood, Gurr, Ribak, Burliuk, Olds, Gottlieb, Citron, Tytell, Crichlow, Blumberg, Honduis, Gropper, Barlach, Takis, Eilshemius, Rodin, Manogault, Kisling, Raphael and Moses Soyer, Cikovsky, Matisse, Weber, Picasso, Sloan, Harrington, Smoloff and Simon.

Required Reading, Says Pepper



Michael Sayers and Albert Kahn

Last Thursday night at the Madison Square Garden veterans' rally of the Independent Citizens Committee, Senator Claude Pepper hailed *The Great Conspiracy Against Russia* by Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn as "the most important book of our day" and "required reading" for British and American statesmen.

"There is one book on Russia which I think is the most important book of the day," said Sen. Pepper in his speech. "It should have the widest possible distribution. It is required reading for every American and British statesman, and for that matter required reading for every citizen of both countries. The title of the book is 'The Great Conspiracy.' The Senator added that a popular edition of the book will soon be published.

The popular edition of the book to which Sen. Pepper referred will be published by Boni and Gaer early in June. The original \$3.50 price of the book will be reduced to \$1.00. This new edition, which will receive wide organizational support and distribution, will contain a special introduction by Sen. Claude Pepper.

Walt Whitman Letter Contest

Walt Whitman's birthday, May 31, has been set as the deadline for the Daily Worker's Whitman prize letter contest. The topic is "What Walt Whitman Has Meant To Me."

Letters may range in length from 300 to 700 words. There will be three prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5. Letters should be addressed to Whitman Letter Contest, Feature Department, Daily Worker. We reserve the right to print any of the letters entered in the contest. Get yours in before the deadline!

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FBI STARRED IN A-BOMB FILM SET IN SOVIET ZONE

By David Platt

Is 20th Century Fox working on an anti-Soviet atom-bomb film? Judge for yourself! The story is laid in a remote, mountainous section of Russian-occupied Germany.

It tells of an elaborate postwar Nazi underground dedicated to the achievement of Hitler's dreams of world conquest.

The focal point of this movement is a group of Nazi scientists at large in the Soviet zone, who have discovered a method of releasing atombombs through remote control.

The FBI learns of the plot and sends a young American operative (William Gargan) to foil it. Of course he fulfills his mission in the nick of time.

The question is this: Why has 20th Century Fox set the picture in the Russian zone where every effort is being made to uproot every vestige of the Hitler idea? Why haven't they set the film in the British or American zone or in Franco Spain or Argentina where large numbers of dangerous Nazis are still on the loose, many of them scientists with atombomb knowledge? Are they

planting this little anti-Soviet seed to divert attention from the truth that the Soviet Union is the only big power that stands in the way of a fascist rebirth in Europe?

The newspaper headlines report: "Nazi troops still roam streets in British zone of Germany." "Nazis in Germany see quick return to power aided by U. S. officials' anti-communist view." "Munich University hotbed of Nazism." "Nazis in Argentina elude ouster by wrists, illness and faked crime." "Germans run 60 percent of Spanish industry." "Lange bares Franco role in wide Nazi war plot."

But 20th Century Fox chooses to believe that the chief Nazi threat lies in the remote, mountainous section of Russian occupied Germany where no such threat exists. That "non-existent" danger, their new film will suggest, can be eliminated only through intervention by the FBI.

Anti-fascists should look into this attempt to use the screen to discredit the Soviet Union and to whip it up for a third world war.



"Freedom Sings"—an evening of people's music from Bach to Blitzstein will be presented by the Jefferson Chorus with Horace Grenell conducting, at Town Hall, Friday, May 24 at 8:30 p.m. The guest soloist of the evening will be Charles Holland, tenor, star of Marc Blitzstein's Airborne Symphony.

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LaGuardia Raps Hoover Hunger Plan

BLASTS PROPOSAL TO CREATE 'INTERNATIONAL PAWNSHOP'

WASHINGTON, May 21 (UP). — UNRRA Director-General Fiorello H. LaGuardia today differed sharply with former President Herbert Hoover over early dissolution of UNRRA and free distribution of food to famine nations.

Iran Admits Red Army Out

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added that if Ala return to Teheran "he should be tried on charges of treason."

OLD HABIT

Pishevari said his recent visit to Teheran had convinced him that Ala often made unauthorized statements before the Security Council which acted to the detriment of Iran.

Teheran's official spokesman, Prince Mozzaffar Rirouz, also criticized Ala. The Ambassador to Washington, he asserted, was not authorized to make statements concerning Soviet interference in Iranian affairs.

Despite dire predictions by Ala and other members of Teheran's die-hard anti-Soviet clique, Pishevari announced that martial law and an 11 p.m. curfew had been lifted on grounds that "the situation in Tabriz has eased."

Rirouz also was optimistic and said that a solution is expected soon and that general elections will be held immediately thereafter.

ARREST RIGHTISTS

Rirouz confirmed the arrest of three reactionary members of Parliament on charges of "acting against the interests of constitutional government." These arrests were applauded by Tabriz radio.

Tabriz broadcasts made no mention of fighting yesterday and Teheran military circles spoke only of troop movements.

In a speech at the Tabriz Officers School, reported by Tabriz radio, Pishevari told graduating officers they would fight in the Azerbaijan army for the territorial integrity and independence of all Iran against foreign attack as well as to spread democracy throughout Iran.

Phila. Strike Solid

PHILADELPHIA, May 21 (UP).—Striking deliverymen today continued to halt distribution of Philadelphia's three largest newspapers.

Get Tough with Franco, Stettinius' Aide Told

A delegation of leading citizens called on Assistant UN delegate Herschel V. Johnson here yesterday to protest the position taken by the United States on Franco Spain.

The delegation was headed by Paul Robeson, co-chairman of the National Committee to Win The Peace, and Milton Wolff, executive secretary of the Action Committee to Free Spain Now.

Robeson read a letter addressed to U. S. chief delegate Edward Stettinius, demanding that the U. S. reverse its position and support the Polish motion to break with Franco and recognize the Republican government in exile.

Franco's record of aid to Hitler and Mussolini is "incontestable," Robeson declared.

'COMPLICATED'

Johnson told the delegation that he had no power to act and said he would pass on the delegation's views.

WEATHER:

Partly
Cloudy,
Moderate Winds

LaGuardia rejected Hoover's proposal made yesterday that the world abandon charity as a basis for food distribution. Nations able to pay for food do so, but UNRRA gives food to others unable to pay.

"To compel a starving nation to get a loan for food is not in keeping with the new world we are talking about," LaGuardia told a meeting of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. "It would not be a world of international mercy. It would transfer the world to an international pawnshop."

LaGuardia also opposed Hoover's recommendation that UNRRA be dissolved Sept. 1. Hoover had said LaGuardia had agreed to the suggestion.

LaGuardia explained he wanted to see UNRRA supplanted by a new permanent organization within the United Nations but he warned the job could not be done easily or quickly.

He said that at present there is no machinery of government that could arrange for a transfer to another agency and "therefore UNRRA will continue to do its best until a permanent agency is established."

URGE WORLD POOL

He also proposed a world-wide food pool built along the lines of the U. S. Commodity Credit Corp., which would do away with international grain markets. His plan, he said, would prevent fluctuations in grain prices.

Under the plan, each country would declare commodities surplus after its own requirements were met. These commodities would go into a regional pool and later into the world pool to be sold or exchanged. He suggested that the international bank or the export-import bank run the world surplus pool after UNRRA is abandoned.

UNRRA is scheduled to expire on Jan. 1 in Europe, but not until March, 1947, in China.

LaGuardia said that on July 1 UNRRA will have about \$685,000,000 coming to it from contributing governments, with \$250,000,000 earmarked for specific relief. It will take several months after UNRRA's authority expires to complete shipments already committed, he said.

Indian Delegate R. V. K. Rao today said India has asked for 2,000,000 tons of grain and has received only 200,000.

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MacArthur Purge a Flop, Poll Held Too Soon, Far East Expert Declares

Many of the successful candidates in the recent Japanese elections had an understanding with old party leaders who were disqualified by the MacArthur purge order, Kenneth Kurihara reports in the current Far Eastern Survey.

"Some of the successful candidates are within the borderline of the purge order," Kurihara declares. "The majority of the electorate voted for the conservative candidates. This fact seems to indicate that eight months between the end of the war and the election were too short a period in which to overcome centuries of subservient training."

"The people had had too little time to grasp the meaning of democracy or to distinguish between democratic and undemocratic candidates. Moreover, the people were too preoccupied with the struggle for food and other elementary require-

ments to study carefully and seriously the platform and the candidates of each party or group.

"Democracy will not take root in Japan if allied control and guidance are discontinued too soon or if the world situation deteriorates," he asserts, "for the forces of reaction are still alive in Japan."

TOKYO, May 21 (UP).—Sources close to Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today the Supreme Commander felt the recent elections were proof the population prefers a conservative form of government and that he was not, therefore, taking sides in issuing orders to break up "excessive" demonstrations by minorities.

MacArthur's headquarters barred two ministers selected by Premier-designate Shigeru Yoshida, forcing him to renew his five-day struggle to form a cabinet.

Form Coalition In Westchester

Special to the Daily Worker

YONKERS, May 21.—A non-partisan movement is shaping up here against Rep. Ralph Gwinn, Republican, who has one of the most reactionary records in Congress.

Tentative candidate against Gwinn is Francis Nulty, progressive Republican teacher at Briarcliff Junior College. Nulty is expected to enter the primary against Gwinn, who was officially designated for reelection by the GOP county committee last night.

Nulty may also get the Democratic and ALP nominations. Should he be defeated in the GOP primary, he is expected to run on an independent Republican ticket as well.

The non-partisan coalition extends also to the other Westchester County district, represented by Ralph Gamble, another tory Republi-

cian.

In the Gamble district, no candi-

date has, as yet, been selected. The

name of Mayor Stanley Church of

New Rochelle, liberal Democrat and

a popular figure in the county, has

been mentioned.

Rochester AFL, CIO Fight City Firings

ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 21.—Five hundred city workers fired for joining the AFL, demonstrated against anti-union municipal officials at Rochester's "I Am An American Day" Celebration yesterday.

Most of the 500 were war vets.

Truck maintenance, street repair and street cleaning workers picketed the Eastman Theater, where the ceremony was held and then went in a body to protest the layoffs.

Workers demanded that Vice Mayor Frank Van Lare give the floor to Anthony Capone, president of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council and Gerald Schaeffer, educational director of the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

When Van Lare denied them the floor, they led half the crowd out of the hall.

AFL, CIO UNITE

The AFL and CIO formed a joint strategy committee to fight the firings after an impromptu demonstration at a city council meeting last Thursday.

The Republican city council had just jammed through an ordinance abolishing the 500 jobs and authorizing the letting of the work to

private contractors. Only Councilman Frank Niger, an AFL member, voted No.

The ordinance did not refer to the union issue but City Manager Lewis Cartwright said publicly that the workers were ousted for union activities.

COMMUNISTS PROTEST

A statement by the Communist Party of Rochester, signed by Murray Savage, chairman, declared that:

"The Communist Party of Monroe County accuses the Republican administration of deliberately misusing the democratic obligations of city government, of assaulting labor's privileges and declaring a lockout, and of throwing wholesale inconveniences upon the people of Rochester."

"This should serve as a warning to the people as to what they could expect from a Republican national administration. The people, in a democratic fashion, will give their answer at the polls."

Dear Reader

The executive board of the Ford Local 600 of the United Auto Workers, speaking for 65,000 workers, has declared that "... the present coal situation is being used by reactionaries in Congress to pass the anti-labor Case Bill ... and that the real issues of the coal strike are being obscured by the press of the country—namely that coal miners need a wage increase, health security and that all labor must support them."

Is this anything new for the commercial press of the country, to find it in the camp of the anti-labor forces, to find it obscuring and distorting labor news?

No, it is not news. Labor and the people are becoming more aware of it as each becomes more involved in the struggle for economic security. And they don't like it.

Today there is but one labor daily newspaper that consistently fights this anti-labor bias, and tells the truth about

labor struggles. That's why thousands of you have responded to the appeal of the Daily Worker and The Worker for funds to carry on.

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